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Sir:

Small entity status is no longer appropriate and is no longer asserted for the above-identified patent. Large entity status is hereby claimed. Issue Fee was paid on May 20, 1999 at the Small Entity level.

The Patent owner's undersigned attorney of record has confirmed that the Patent Owner claimed Small Entity status erroneously without any deception intent for payment of the Issue Fee and this patent was not entitled to Small Entity status on May 20, 1999.

The current fee amount for Issue Fee payment for a Large Entity is The previous payment made on May 20, 1999 was \$605.00. The \$1,810.00. difference owed for Large Entity Issue Fee payment is \$1,205.00.

The current fee amount for a 3.5 year Maintenance Fee for a Large Entity The previous payment made on April 29, 2003 was \$455.00. is \$980.00. difference owed for Large Entity 3.5 year Maintenance Per payment 0000012 538884 5991990

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The current amount for a 7.5 year Maintenance Fee for a Large Entity is \$2,480.00. The previous payment made on April 12, 2007 was \$1,150.00. The difference owed for Large Entity 7.5 year Maintenance Fee payment is \$1,330.00.

The total amount due for previously paid Issue Fee and Maintenance Fees is $\frac{$3,060.00}{$0.00}$. Authorization is hereby given to charge the appropriate make-up difference of $\frac{$3,060.00}{$0.00}$. Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the deficiency of $\frac{$3,060.00}{$0.00}$.

The 11.5 year Maintenance Fee is due by May 30, 2011 and will be paid in due course as a Large Entity fee.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions relating to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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